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In re application of
William Calfas, et al.
Application No. 10/615,462
Filed: July 7, 2003
For: CARRIER FOR A PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED
     PERSON

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**DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL
(APPLICANT'S AGE)**

This is a decision on the petition submitted on July 7, 2003 under 37 CFR 1.102 (c) to make the above-identified application special under the accelerated examination procedure set forth in MPEP 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age. The delay in deciding this petition is sincerely regretted.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

An application may be accorded special status upon the filing of a petition providing evidence showing that the applicant is at least 65 years old. Such a showing may be provided by evidence such as a birth certificate or a statement from the applicant.

The evidence submitted with the petition is a declaration from the applicant stating that he is 72 years of age.

The examiner is directed (1) to make an interference search for possible interfering applications, (2) to promptly examine this application out of turn, and (3) if any interfering application is discovered, to examine such application simultaneously and state in the first official letter of such application that it is being taken out of turn because of a possible interference.

Petitioner is advised that this application will continue to be special, throughout its entire prosecution and pendency, including interference or appeal, if any, only if petitioner makes a prompt *bona fide* effort, in response to each Office action, to place the application in condition for allowance, even if it is necessary to conduct an interview with the examiner to accomplish this purpose.

SUMMARY: Petition to Make Special **GRANTED**.

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